

Washington State Credentialing Requirements

Nursing Assistant-Certified (Chapter 18.88A RCW, 246-841 WAC)

Type of Credential:

Certification

DOH Contact:

Customer Service Center - 360-236-4700

Credentialing Requirements	Verification Documents Obtained
A minimum of 85 hours of training through a state approved program. Students who are in an LPN or RN program and have met the minimum requirement also qualify. In addition, military medic or corpsman training may meet our requirements.	Training certificate.
Applicants must pass the competency exam.	The Examination results will be sent directly to the Department of Health.
Work History (professional training and experience)	Not required unless the applicant endorses from another state.
Verification of placement on a state OBRA registry is required if applicant is applying for endorsement	Applicant lists all states where credentials are or were held, including where applicant has applied but a credential was not granted. A verification form must be completed and submitted by the jurisdiction where the applicant is or was credentialed. Applicant sends form to jurisdiction for completion. The jurisdiction sends completed form directly to the department.
Statement about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• physical and mental health status• lack of impairment due to chemical dependency/substance abuse• history of loss of license, certification or registration• history of action by Department of Social and Health Services• felony convictions• loss or limitations of privileges• disciplinary actions• professional liability claims history	Applicant must answer personal data questions. An appropriate explanation and required documentation must be sent with positive answers. If there is a positive answer to the professional liability claims history question, the applicant must send an explanation of the nature of the case, data and summary of care given, copies of the original complaint, and the settlement or final disposition. If pending, applicant must indicate status.

Additional Information/Documents Required

- HIV/AIDS training - seven hours is included as part of the NAC training.

Process for Approving/Denying Applications

Credentialing staff review the application and supporting documents to make an initial determination on eligibility. Credentialing supervisors approve applications that do not have positive answers to personal data questions, have questionable verifying documents, or are otherwise “red flag” applications. Red flag applications are forwarded to the exception application process for determination by the appropriate disciplining authority. An applicant will be formally notified of a denial and has the opportunity for a hearing.

Renewal Requirements

Nursing assistants - certified must renew their certification on or before their birthday each year. There are no continuing education requirements.